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Ms. Mary E. Bell Works Manager Abex Corporation 6600 Ridge Avenue St. Louis, Missouri 63133

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Dear Ms. Bell:

This letter is in response to your telephone conversation with Ms.

Betti Harris of my staff regarding the recent "uncontrolled site inspection" of the above facility.

Our file reveals that this facility ceased operation some time during 1982, but previously was a RCRA-regulated generator and "treatment, storage or disposal" site for which it appeared that a RCRA permit would be required. Because we were unable to substantiate through phone calls and correspondence what the state of operation was within the facility, and when and how it was closed, the site was placed on our inspection list to determine whether it had been closed and possibly abandoned. Such an inspection is a routine procedure when facilities which appear to have required a permit suddenly change their status. Because your Part A application indicated a "sand dump landfill" onsite, we elected an "uncontrolled site inspection." This choice is based on staff judgement.

The inspection which was conducted was for the purpose of determining if our file for this site could be closed. The outcome of the inspection was that no further action appears to be needed by this agency, and we have closed the file.

I trust that this answers your questions.

Sincerely yours,

Robert L. Morby Chief, Waste Management Branch Air and Waste Management Division

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